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FORMER POSTAL CARRIER CHARGED WITH MAIL THEFT

(Beaumont, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced that a 43-year-old Orange, Texas, woman has been indicted for theft of mail by a postal employee in the Eastern District of Texas. **NINA JYLLANE TAYLOR**, a former mail carrier, has been charged with stealing gift cards from the United States mail that came into her possession.

U.S. Attorney Orwig commended the Orange County Sheriff's Department for assisting the United States Postal Inspection Service in solving this case, "While postal carriers across the nation are committed to the integrity, security and prompt delivery of our mail, a very few choose to abuse their position of trust and steal from the very customers they serve. We owe it to the honor of all postal carriers and the public to vigorously prosecute the few who violate that trust."

According to the Indictment, from November 2005 through April 2006, Taylor stole numerous gift cards, including those from Walmart, Outback Steakhouse, and Pier 1 Imports, contained in mail on her delivery route. Taylor is no longer employed by the Postal Service.

If convicted, Taylor faces up to 5 years in prison and a fine up to \$250,000 for each of the three Counts of the Indictment. It is important to note that an indictment is merely a charge and should not be considered as

evidence of either guilt or innocence.

The case is being investigated by the US Postal Inspection Service and the Orange County Sheriff's Department, and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Randall Fluke.

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